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Jim Hammons, Mayor
City of Troy
PO Box 823
Troy MT 59935

Re: Wireless Communications in the Troy Area

Dear Mayor Hammons:

As you know, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is planning a large-scale residential investigation in and near the Town of Troy. This investigation is a part of the larger clean up work being performed at the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site.

One of our principal concerns is wireless communications for our field teams. Cell phone coverage is not available in the Troy area. We are currently exploring short-term options. Some options we have identified include installing an expensive and temporary cell tower, working with the Forest Service for use of a radio tower and a frequency, or purchasing short-range radios (still needing a radio tower) to enable communications. Whichever method is chosen, it is imperative that it be reliable as the safety of my field team depends on constant communication with our home office in Troy.

I am asking for assistance to solve this communication predicament. If you or others have any other ideas or options, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-246-8198, 406-841-5040 or electronically at clecours@state.mt.us so we can discuss. Thank you for your continued support for this project.

Sincerely,

Catherine LeCours
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